



## Mr. Claude E. Surface, Sr. Obituary

July 9, 1920 - March 9, 2013

Mr. Claude E. Surface, Sr., 92 of Albany died on March 9th, 2013. His funeral service will be Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 2 PM at the Liberty Parkway Church of God with interment to follow at Riverside Cemetery with full military honors. The Rev. Ralph Horne will officiate. The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern on Tuesday from 6-8 PM.

A native of Harveyville, Kansas, Mr. Surface first moved to Albany in 1941. Mr. Surface lived a life of service, first serving in the Civilian Conservation Corps in California before enlisting in the Army Air Corps at the age of 20. Trained as a Flight Engineer on a B-29 bomber, Mr. Surface flew 35 missions over the Japanese Empire in World War II, earning several commendations and medals, including the Distinguished Flying Cross on July 27, 1945. He was awarded a battlefield commission from flight engineer to flight officer. After retiring from the Air Force as 2nd Lieutenant in 1963, he began a second career in civil service and retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 1985.

Mr. Surface was a member of Liberty Parkway Church of God for 62 years and is survived by his wife of 70 years Louise Letchworth Surface; sister Josephine Surface Koontz of Spring Hill, Kansas; son Claude E. Surface, Jr., wife Paige, of Loganville, GA; daughter Marilyn Surface Bradley, husband Charles of Cartersville, GA; son George Surface of Fayetteville, GA; daughter Susan Surface Rogers of Albany. Mr. Surface was preceded in death by son

Steven Surface of Albany. Mr. Surface is also survived by 17 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors  
1503 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

## Interment with Military Honors

MAR 13 (ET)

Riverside Cemetery  
200 Cotton Ave  
Albany, GA 31707

## Funeral Service

MAR 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

Liberty Parkway Church of God  
1501 Schley Av.  
Albany, GA 31707

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Claude E. Surface, Sr. Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mr. Claude E. Surface, Sr. Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Claude was always very kind to our family, he was a big supporter of Zachary and Robin when we attended Liberty Parkway Church of God. He will be dearly missed.*

**Jim R Case - Sylvester, GA - Church member** - April 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Claude, Ron and I were saddened to hear of your Dad's passing. Just know that we are thinking of you at this sad time.*

**Ron and Sarah Bolt - Jefferson, GA - Friends** - March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was deeply saddened to hear about Bro. Claude's passing. I have many wonderful memories of him playing the bass guitar with our singing group, *The Harvest Tones*, back in the 70's. He was always faithful and put up with us bunch of young kids traveling around and singing Gospel music. He was not a man of many words but his light sure did shine bright. He impacted my life. He was a faithful member of the, what was then, *Eighth Avenue Church of God*. We were members of *East Albany Church of God*.

*Our prayers are for the comfort of the Holy Spirit to be with you all as you go through the process of separation from this wonderful man.*

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**Thomas Powell - Littleton, CO - friend** - March 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs. Surface & family,

*I am so sorry for your loss. Terri (Melvin) and I were just reminiscing 2 weeks ago when we were together for the first time in 20 years. Your family is such an amazing family! You took in and loved Terri as your own. Mrs. Surface, both you and Mr. Surface were wonderful to all of us when we were teenagers. Please know that my thoughts are prayers are with you all.*

*Allyson (Nevins) Sandifer  
Terri's cousin*

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**Allyson Nevins Sandifer - Lexington, SC - Terri's cousin** - March 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs. Surface, Susan and to the rest of the family,

*I was extremely saddened when I received a call from my Dad yesterday informing me of Mr. Surface's passing. I have been a friend of the family for many, many years and have a lot of great memories. Back in the day, the Surface's house was THE place to hang out. With Susan being one of my best friends growing up I spent a great deal of time with the family and still try my best to stop by and visit whenever I am in town.*

*Please know my thoughts and prayers are with everyone in the family! He was a wonderful man that touched a lot of lives and I know I am a better person for having had Mr. Surface as a part of my life growing up !!*

*God Bless to all and I am very sorry for your loss !!!!*

*Love,  
Robin*

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**Robin Brookshier - Aurora, CO - Friend - March 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

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“ *The Surface's were my second family. Steve was my very best friend and was until he passed away. Claude helped get our garage band started when we were teenagers and Claude was an inspiration to us, as he was also a very talented musician. He played a Gibson SG bass guitar along with many other instruments and played them all very well. He will always have a place dear in my heart for that inspiration as I am still actively performing in the Atlanta area today. It is with great sorrow that I read of Claude's passing, but he was a man that lived as a true servant to God and I know he is with him now. How I know Louise must hurt to be without him, I will pray for you. I can only hope to make it down this week to see the family, but if not, please know that my heart hurts to be there.*

*Woody Harrison  
Dallas, Ga  
770-445-8790*

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**Woody Harrison - Dallas, GA - family friend - March 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM**